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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF HELLA PICK ARTICLE ON VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA
WHICH APPEARED IN MAY 5 "GUARDIAN," UNDER HEADLINE,
"MONDALE WILL PUT YUGOSLAVS AT THEIR EASE."

BEGIN TEXT:

VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE HOPES TO IMPROVE THE
UNEASY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
YUGOSLAVIA WHEN HE VISITS BELGRADE LATER THIS MONTH.
HIGH ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE US ADMINISTRATION'S
CONTROVERSIAL POLICY ON NUCLEAR FUEL SALES WHICH
AFFECTS YUGOSLAVIA DIRECTLY.
PRESIDENT CARTER'S INSISTENCE ON MORE CONTROLS
BEYOND THOSE TO WHICH YUGOSLAVIA IS ALREADY COMMITTED
HAS DEEPLY ANGERED THE YUGOSLAVS.
WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED YUGOSLAVIA THAT NUCLEAR
FUEL SUPPLIES FOR THE REACTOR NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED IN
COLLABORATION WITH WESTINGHOUSE ON THE BORDER BETWEEN
CROATIA AND SLOVENIA WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTROLS BE-
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YOND THOSE ALREADY AGREED IN EXISTING CONTRACTS.
THE REACTOR IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN 1979,
AND WAS COMMISSIONED WITH WESTINGHOUSE ONLY AFTER
INTENSE COMPETITION WITH WEST GERMAN NUCLEAR REACTOR
MANUFACTURERS.
YUGOSLAVIA HAS SIGNED THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY,
AND ACCEPTS THE SAFEGUARDS OF THE VIENNA-BASED

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, AND ARGUES THAT THIS MUST BE ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE UNITED STATES.

IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE LAST WEEK, ONE OF THE MEN CLOSEST TO PRESIDENT TITO, MR. EDWARD KARDELJ ARGUED THAT THE NUCLEAR POWERS HAD NO RIGHT TO NUCLEAR MONOPOLY.

WHILE HE RECOGNISED THE DANGERS OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, HE ARGUED THAT THE NUCLEAR POWERS THEMSELVES WERE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION BY FAILING TO REDUCE THEIR OWN NUCLEAR ARSENALS.

HE SAID THAT THE THIRD WORLD COULD NOT BE PREVENTED FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, AND HINTED THAT THEY COULD NOT EVEN BE EXPECTED TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING THE BOMB WHILE THE NUCLEAR POWERS THEMSELVES FAILED TO MEET THEIR OWN OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY TO REDUCE THE NUCLEAR STOCKPILES.

THE US NUCLEAR POLICY HAS INCREASED THE STRAIN WHICH DEVELOPED DURING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION LARGELY AS A RESULT OF THE AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN'S DEALINGS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS. MR. LAURENCE SILBERMAN LEFT BELGRADE LAST OCTOBER, LEAVING BEHIND AN UNHAPPY LEGACY. HE SUMMED UP HIS VIEWS ON YUGOSLAVIA IN A RECENT ARTICLE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN WHICH HE ARGUED THAT THE COUNTRY CONSISTENTLY SIDED AGAINST US INTERESTS ON ALL MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES.

THIS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE ANGER IN BELGRADE, WHICH DESCRIBED MR. SILBERMAN'S ARTICLE AS A "POISON-ARROW." NEVERTHELESS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE LITTLE ATTEMPT UNCLASSIFIED

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UNTIL NOW TO CLARIFY HIS OWN POLICY TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA. DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. MR. AVERILL HARRIMAN CALLED ON YUGOSLAV LEADERS TO REASSURE THEM OF MR. CARTER'S RESPECT FOR THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED STAND.

BUT WASHINGTON HAS ONLY RECENTLY NOMINATED A NEW AMBASSADOR TO BELGRADE. HE IS MR. LAURENCE EAGLEBURGER, ONE OF DR. KISSINGER'S CLOSEST COLLABORATORS, WHO IS REGARDED IN BELGRADE WITH CONSIDERABLE EQUIVOCATION. HE HAS HOWEVER PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN BELGRADE AS POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE US EMBASSY AND THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE AGREED TO HIS APPOINTMENT WHICH HAS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE US SENATE.

THE US VICE-PRESIDENT WILL SPEND MAY 21 AND 22 IN BELGRADE, THE EVE OF PRESIDENT TITO'S 85TH BIRTHDAY. HIS VISIT IS INTENDED TO REASSURE YUGOSLAVIA THAT MR. CARTER TAKES PRESIDENT TITO'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT SERIOUSLY. END TEXT.

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